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MARYLAND RESIDENT CHARGED WITH COERCING PRODUCTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

PRESS RELEASE

Indianapolis - Trevor J. Shea, 19, Mechanicsville, Maryland, was indicted yesterday by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis with production of child pornography. This follows an investigation by the United States Postal Inspection Service, the Brownsburg Police Department, the Indiana State Police and the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department.

The indictment alleges that on September 20, 2009, Trevor Shea persuaded and coerced a minor female to provide Shea with images and videos of her engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Shea purportedly threatened to send nude photographs of the minor female to her friends through the internet. Shea even took over one of her social networking pages in order to demonstrate his control.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney A. Brant Cook and Bonnie Kane, Trial Attorney, Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, U.S. Department of Justice, who are prosecuting the case for the government, Shea faces a maximum of thirty (30) years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. An initial hearing was held today before a U.S. Magistrate Judge. Trial is scheduled for August 30, 2010. Pending trial, Shea is on home detention and electronic monitoring.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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